**Room 2 Newsletter Term 2, 2014**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2 and especially to Max and Shalom as they start this week. We also give a warm welcome to Mrs Carianne Walters , who is a 3rd year student studying for her Bachelor of Education Early Years through Massey University. She will be taking an active role in our classroom for the next four weeks so please feel free to introduce yourself to her.

j0232054This will be an extremely busy term with school production in week 8 so we all need to take special care of ourselves as the winter bugs start to appear.

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**Money:**

Please put any money your child   
brings to school in an envelope   
(a used one is fine) with their name, amount and purpose written on the outside to be posted in the banking box just inside the entrance to the office.

When buying lunch, the children must take their money to the library where adults collate the orders. I will send someone with them if they don’t know where to go.

**Library:**

Our library day is Wednesday.   
 Your child needs a large named book bag to take their library book home e.g. draw string bag, eco shopping bag. Large book bags can be purchased through the school for $3.00.

**Toys**

Toys, other than balls and tennis racquets (named), are not to be brought to school.

**Clothing:**Winter clothing brings extra challenges for both children and teachers. It is preferable that shoes have velcro or buckle fastenings rather than laces, unless your child is   
super duper clever at tying their own!   
Self-tying laces are also a good option.

**All clothing needs to be named**, including P.E. gear, underwear, shoes, and ***especially socks***.

Please ensure your child has a **rain coat or jacket** for moving around the school on wet days. P.E. gear must be in a **named plastic bag**. Children will need **P.E. gear every day** for Jump Jam and also because only children wearing P.E. gear can play on the grass areas and sandpit. Children who like to play ball games on the field will need old clothes as they can get quite muddy.

Please note that hair ties/bands must be the same colours as found on the uniform, and that nail polish is not permitted, according to the uniform code.

**Homework:**

Your child will usually bring   
home two reading books to share with you, as well as their poem book. Please share their reading and sign their homework notebook. The readers and poem book must be returned every day; otherwise your child will not be issued with new ones. There may be Religious Education homework to complete and this book must also be returned to school the next day. Bookbags are very important for protecting reading books and homework.

**Rooms 1 & 2 School Production Scene**Our classes will be presenting, in action and song, an up-beat version of ‘Itsy Ditsy Spider’ and a kids’ version of ‘Singing in the Rain’.

Gabrielle Balemi (Room 1 teacher) and I are very keen to hear, as soon as possible, from parents and/or other family members who would like to help in some way, particularly with costumes.

**New Entrant Wikispace:**

This can be found at <http://nestpats.wikispaces.com>

**Email Contact**

If you wish to be contacted by email for any reason, please send you preferred email address to [judy@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:judy@stpatta.co.nz) .

**Letter of the Week:**

Each week we focus on a new alphabet letter. Children are encouraged to bring something starting with that letter for our display table. If your child is unsure of that letter and the sound it makes, here’s an opportunity to do some fun activities about it at home (Refer to your   
child’s alphabet card for ideas).

**Study Topics:**

Inquiry Learning: **School Production – Magical Water** (Science/The Arts)

RE: Easter, Holy Spirit, God the Creator

Maths: Number, Position and Orientation, Weight, Probability

PE: Ball Skills, Jump Jam

Remember: You are very welcome to come in before or after school with any concerns or questions, keeping in mind that some days I have commitments e.g. staff meetings.

Thank you so much for your support.

God Bless

Judy Graham